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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF MARCH 13, 2007 AGENDA ITEM 60-B VARIOUS TRAFFIC CONTROL RELATED ITEMS

This is in response to the Motion by Supervisor Antonovich directing Public Works to install various traffic control devices in the Fifth Supervisorial District. Should the Motion be approved, Public Works does not have a schedule for the implementation of the projects at this time. The projects would be funded using road funds allocated to the Fifth Supervisorial District. We are uncertain at this time if sufficient funding is available to the Fifth Supervisorial District. Consistent with the Board's adopted policy, I am informing you of the following:

Traffic signal at Cienega Avenue and Glendora Avenue: Public Works did not perform a traffic engineering study of the intersection. The study would have disclosed if any of the nationally-recognized warrants used to determine the need for traffic signals were satisfied. This intersection is jurisdictionally shared with the City of Covina. I recommend that a study be performed at this location and the City of Covina be consulted prior to any modification.

Left-turn arrows on the existing traffic signal at Rosemont Avenue and Foothill Boulevard: Public Works performed a traffic engineering study of the intersection in November 2005. The study disclosed that the need to install left-turn arrows on the existing traffic signal at this intersection was not satisfied. I recommend that a current left-turn study be conducted to determine the need for left-turn arrows for each approach.

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Acceleration/Deceleration lanes on Escondido Canyon Road at Vasquez Rocks County Park: Public Works did not perform a traffic engineering study of the location. The study would have determined if there was a need to install acceleration and deceleration lanes on Escondido Canyon Road at Vasquez Rocks County Park. I recommend that a study be performed at this location to determine the need for the installation of these lanes.

Stop Ahead signs approaching Franks Way at Santa Catarina Road: Public Works did not previously review this location for Stop Ahead signs. I will direct my staff to review this location and, if appropriate, we can anticipate the installation of these signs in approximately 4 weeks.

Traffic signal at 70th Street East and Palmdale Boulevard: Public Works did not perform a traffic engineering study of the intersection. The study would have disclosed if any of the nationally-recognized warrants used to determine the need for traffic signals were satisfied. This intersection is jurisdictionally shared with the City of Palmdale. I recommend that a study be performed at this location and the City of Palmdale be consulted prior to any modification.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact William H. Higley, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4016.

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